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MAIL STOP AMENDMENT  
Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks  
Washington, DC 20231

Sir:

Responsive to the Office Action dated August 19, 2004, the following remarks and amendments are enclosed.

A Replacement **Abstract** is provided on page 2 of this paper.

**Amendments to the Specification** begin on page 3 of this paper.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the Listing of Claims which begins on page 4 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 11 of this paper.